for the prevention of their smuggling and fraudulent dealings and provide for their compulsory acquisition for preservation in public places. This act covers any manuscripts, record or other decument which is of scientific, historical, literary or aesthetic value and which has been in existence for not less than 75 years.

Government is also actively considering the enactment of a separate law on Records of National Importance to check unwarranted destruction, rare historical documents and manuscripts.

G.S.A. in Foreign Countries

279. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India is having G.S.A. in all the important countries of the world; if so the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that G.S.A. (General Sales Agents) in collusion with officials of Air India supply wrong data of booking of passengers; and

(d) what is the actual loading of passengers from U.K. to India during the last six months as compared to the corresponding for the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. A statement showing areas covered is attached. [*See* appendix CXLI Anneure No. 9]

(b) In the countries not covered by attached statement, either Air India have their own establishment and competitive market conditions do not warrant appointment of a General Sales Agent, or the potential of traffic is limited which does not require either an Air India establishment or a General Sales Agent.

(c) Government is not aware of any such practice.

(d) Air-India's total carriage of passengers from U.K. to India during the six months, from April to September, 1986 together with comparative figures for the corresponding period of 1984 and 1985 are given below:

Period	No. of passengers
April-September, 1986	23,300
April-September, 1985	27,380
April-September, 1984	29,408

Commemorative Stamp in Memory of Nanji Kalidas Mehta

280. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations for the issuance of a commemorative stamp in the memory of Nanji Kalidas Mehta on the occasion of his 100th birth anniversary;

(b) whether the Philatelic Advisory Committee has also recommended the same; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.